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1. On 17 October 1951, in accordance with direct orders from the People's Revolutionary Military Council, a Scientific Research Office was established under the direct control of the East China Military Area (ECMA). This Scientific Research Office, headed by a director, a deputy director, and a political commissar, was organized into the following divisions:
  - a. Meteorological Research: research primarily on military meteorology.
  - b. Chemical Research: research primarily on defensive measures against poison gas.
  - c. Electronics Research: radio, radar, and electrical communications research.
  - d. Ordnance Research: research on the nature, manufacture, and improvement of light and heavy weapons.
  - e. Miscellaneous Research: research on all other scientific matters connected with national defense.
2. The three major functions of the Scientific Research Office are:
  - a. To improve field army cadre understanding of scientific matters connected with national defense.
  - b. To contribute to the plans of Chinese Communist Army Headquarters for building up the army, and to help modernize ECMA troops.
  - c. To advise military installations, such as meteorological institutes; radar stations; ordnance departments and schools; and communications departments and schools.
3. The Scientific Research Office appointed 56 research fellows, 30 of whom were given full-time assignments to the Office. The remaining 26 were appointed from among members of the Nanning branch of the Natural Science Association and were to serve on a rotation basis.

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